

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA

Working together to improve our communities!

“If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government,
then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.”

~ Plato



October Committee Meetings

The Neighborhood Council has a number of standing committees. The public is invited to attend. Here are their upcoming meeting dates:

Airport Relations Committee

Dave Mannix, Chair
6pm, October 17
Westchester Public Library, Community Room,
7114 W. Manchester Avenue

Budget & Finance Committee

Naomi Waka, Chair
5:30pm, November 5
Westchester Municipal Bldg., Community Room,
7114 W. Manchester Avenue

Community Services Committee

Naomi Waka, Chair
Date/Location TBD

Education Committee

Heather Tuttle, Chair
DARK in order to attend the October 24
School Expo from 4:30-6:30pm
at the YMCA Annex, 8020 Alverstone Avenue

Governmental Affairs Committee

Ted Grose, Chair
6:30pm, October 21
Westchester Municipal Bldg., Community Room,
7114 W. Manchester Avenue

Outreach Committee

Garrett Smith, Chair
5:30pm, October 7
Westchester Municipal Bldg., Community Room,
7114 W. Manchester Avenue

Public Safety Committee

John Logsdon, Chair
Date/Location TBD

Planning and Land Use Committee

Julie Ross, Chair
Date/Location TBD

NCWP Supports Continued Sepulveda Beautification Effort, Power Washing

At its October 1 meeting, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa unanimously approved a letter to the City of Los Angeles, supporting the continued beautification efforts of Sepulveda Boulevard by the Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association.

The letter read, in part, “For many years, the Neighborhood Council has supported the WSIA’s efforts to develop a beautification plan for Sepulveda Boulevard, secure funds to make that plan a reality, and implement its vision. Today, WSIA’s efforts have resulted in a gorgeous streetscape, including new meandering sidewalks and spectacular landscaping on both the sidewalks and medians along Sepulveda Boulevard. The final, important step in this process is to assure that the remaining portions of this area fit seamlessly into the improvements that have already been made.

“The existing ficus and bottle brush trees have caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage, buckling sidewalks, infiltrating water pipes, and creating a safety hazard for both pedestrians and drivers. According to certified arborist Greg Monfette, who has examined the trees, these trees cannot be ‘root pruned and preserved because the root severance will destabilize the trees leading to their failure.’ Furthermore, if these trees are allowed to remain, sidewalk buckling will only increase, forcing more pedestrians to walk in the street, creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. In short, this area is simply not safe unless the trees are removed.”

The Neighborhood Council added that by allowing WSIA to complete its beautification efforts along Sepulveda Boulevard, including the removal of the damaging trees, our community will “benefit from a more beautiful streetscape, and those who walk and/or drive along Sepulveda Boulevard will be able to do so more safely.”

The city’s Board of Public Works is expected to vote on the issue in the coming weeks.

SIDEWALK POWER WASHING

The NCWP board also supported the Budget and



Finance Committee’s recommendation to approve \$1,080 for power washing of area sidewalkst. For the past two years, the NCWP approved a similar expenditure and hired Clean Street to perform monthly cleaning. This has made a vast improvement in the cleanliness of the area surrounding the Westchester Library and the Municipal Building at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Manchester Avenue. The cleaning will typically occur the first week of each month.

BUDDY BENCHES

The board also voted unanimously to support the Campus Buddy Bench program for local elementary schools. The buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground spreading the message of inclusion and kindness. The NCWP Education Committee will help facilitate ordering, install, and development of a curriculum for Buddy Benches at all elementary schools in Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista.

Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Monthly Board Meeting:

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 5

in the Community Room at 7166 W. Manchester Ave. (at Lincoln Blvd.), in Westchester



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